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SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" I only want that the Hon. Minister for Finance need not contaminate himself by reading those books."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have to guard myself not only against such books but against persons also in view of the position I occupy here."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" Sir, மந்திரி அவர்கள் வேண்டுமானால் படிக்காமல் இருக்கலாம். ஆனால் இந்த புத்தகங்களையெல்லாம் யார் படித்து பறிமுதல் செய்கிறார்களோ அவர்களாவது இந்தமாதிரியான ஆங்கிலப் புத்தகங்களைப் படித்து பறிமுதல் செய்யச் சொல்ல அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா என்று கேட்கிறேன் ? "

9 a.m THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If it is brought to the notice of the Government, we will certainly take action. If the hon. Member has got any information on that subject, he may pass it on to me."

Repairs to the supply channel of the Kovathattai lake, Udayarparalayam taluk.

* 759 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a petition, dated 6th January 1954, from the ayacutdars of Kovathattai lake in Karaikurichi village in Udayarpalayam taluk requesting to repair the supply channel of the lake and to prevent wastage of water through Vemankondan channel by the erection of a ' Kalingal '; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) Action is being taken by the local officers to improve the conditions of supply to the tank."

Prevalence of leprosy in Ponneri taluk.

* 760 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM (on behalf of Sri M. Dharmalingam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any report from the District Health Officer, Chingleput, about the existence of a large number of leprosy patients in Madarpakkam and in Manellur villages in Ponneri taluk ; and

(b) if so, whether any curative measures have been taken by the Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."